UPDATE (12/21/07) - As of Jan. 31, 2008, all adult U.S. travelers re-entering the United States through land or sea ports of entry will be required to present **proof of citizenship** ,
such as a birth certificate, and
proof of identity
, such as a driver's license.
This includes travelers crossing the Canadian border by land
to return to the United States.

Click here for detailed information on this new requirement from the Department of Homeland Security.

This January, a new law went into effect requiring all U.S. citizens traveling by air to have passports in order to re-enter the United States.

Since January, passport offices around the country have been receiving a very high number of applications, and people applying for passports have had to wait much longer than the usual 4-6 weeks to receive their passports. *Even applicants requesting expedited service have experienced longer-than-expected waits.* (Click here for more information from the State Department on these delays.)

If you are planning to apply for a passport, use these tips to ensure that you receive your passport before your scheduled travel dates:

1. Apply as early as possible.
2. Send your passport application to the **Seattle Passport Agency**. The Seattle agency is the designated office for passport applications from the Midwest. If you send your application there, we will be better able to track its progress. The address of the Seattle Passport Agency is:

   Henry Jackson Federal Building
   915 Second Avenue
   Suite 992
   Seattle, WA 98174-1091

3. Contact our district office if you have not received your passport within the time specified on the State Department website , or if you have an upcoming travel date and are concerned that your application will not be processed in time. We will do our best to follow up on

your application and ensure that you receive your passport in a timely fashion.

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